

(c) whether it is also a fact that prices of 30 essential commodities have increased by 8.5 per cent in the year 2006 as compared to their prices in the year 2005; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) As per data available from the Central Statistical Organisation the annual per capita income at 1999-2000 prices during 2004-05 and 2005-06 was Rs. 19,649/- and Rs. 21,005/-, respectively.

(c) and (d) The increase in prices of 30 essential commodities, measured in terms of wholesale price index, was in the range of 4.48 per cent (week ending July 29, 2006) and 8.73 per cent (week ending June 10, 2006).

Increase in budgetary deficit

†2910. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the current year from April to September, the budgetary deficit has reached upto Rs. 86,461/- crores which comes to 58 per cent of the estimated deficit for the entire year;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the expenses incurred on non-developmental activities is much more than the budgetary estimates; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard and the quantum of excess expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The fiscal deficit upto September, 2006 is Rs. 86,461 crore which is 58.2 per cent of the Budget Estimates of Rs. 1,48,686 crore for the year 2006-07.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The non-Plan expenditure upto September, 2006 is Rs. 1,83,065 crore which is 46.8% of the Budget Estimates of Rs. 3,91,263 crore for the year 2006-07, as against expenditure of 40.9 per cent

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during the corresponding period in previous year. The increased expenditure relate mainly to interest payment, defence, transfer to State and Union Territory Governments and subsidies.

Annual growth rate of bank credit

†2911. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 30 per cent annual growth rate has been registered for the year 2005-06 with regard to bank credit in the country;

(b) if not, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the annual growth rate with regard to bank deposits has been declining; and

(d) if so, the details of deposits for the financial year 2005 and 2006 separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total loans and advances of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) amounting to Rs. 15.17 lakh crore outstanding as on 31st March, 2006 were 31.8% more than such loans and advances amounting to Rs. 11.51 lakh crore outstanding on 31st March, 2005.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The outstanding deposits of SCBs have grown by 17.8% during 2005-06 as compared to 16.6% during the year 2004-05. Total deposits of SCBs stood at Rs. 18,37,557 crore and Rs. 1,64,477 crore as on 31st March, 2005 and 31st March, 2006 respectively.

Pre-payment of small savings loans

2912. SHRI SURYAKANT ACHARYA:
SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government for surrender or pre-payment of small savings loans;

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